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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROSHI SATOMI ET AL. ) Examiner: G. Liang  
Application No.: 09/547,397 ) Group Art Unit: 2172  
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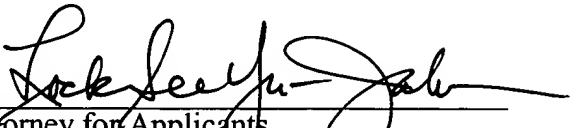
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

A Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed June 26, 2003. To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action after the filing of the CPA has not yet been mailed in the above-identified application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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